



**ARS International  
Research  
Seminar Series**

## ***Seminar Announcement***

**Monday, March 6, 2006 ♦ 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
GWCC ♦ 5601 Sunnyside Ave, Beltsville, MD 20705  
Conference Room 4-2223**

**Dr. Francisco Reifschneider  
Director, CGIAR Secretariat at the World Bank**

### **“CGIAR Research System”**

Francisco Reifschneider, a Brazilian national, is Director of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), a strategic alliance of 64 countries, international and regional organizations and private foundations supporting 15 agricultural research Centers that work with national agricultural research systems, the private sector, and civil society. The CGIAR mobilizes agricultural science to reduce poverty, foster human well-being, promote agricultural growth and protect the environment. The CGIAR is co-sponsored by FAO, IFAD, UNDP and the World Bank. Before joining the CGIAR, Dr. Reifschneider was Head of International Cooperation of Embrapa, the Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation. A widely published author, Dr. Reifschneider received the Frederico de M. Veiga Prize, Brazil's highest award for major contributions to agricultural development, and the Jabuti Prize, the most important and wide-ranging literary prize in Brazil, for a book on capsicum (Peppers).

On Wednesday, March 6, 2006, Dr. Reifschneider will discuss the CGIAR's current and future priorities at our Inaugural International Research Seminar Series.



***(Presentation includes Question and Discussion Time)***

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